IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1742 :

Examiner J. Roe : OXIDATION RESISTANT

: FERRITIC STAINLESS STEELS

In re Application of Rakowski

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December 20, 2006

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments to the claims and the following remarks in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed September 18, 2006 (the "Office Action") in the above-identified application (the "Subject Application").

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2; and Remarks begin on page 7.